







Minutes

**Meeting of the Expert Group on Plant Health Legislation (E00925)
Discussion of the Delegated Act on Priority Pests
24 April 2019, 14H30 - 18H00**

Chair : European Commission (COM), DG SANTE (Unit G1 - Plant Health),

Present : Experts of the Member States, DG JRC and EFSA

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| 1. | <p>Welcome and introduction</p> <p>The Commission welcomed the participants of the fourth Expert Group meeting and noted that no representatives of the Council and the Parliament were present. The Expert Group was informed that an additional agenda point was added (point 5). The draft agenda was adopted as proposed.</p> | |
| 2. | <p>JRC reply to the additional comments submitted by Member States to the updated</p> <p>JRC presented the comments received by the Member States as follow-up to the meeting of 9 January 2019 and explained how they were duly considered in the framework of the priority pests methodology. Comments submitted were related to the weighting factors, different indicators, normalisation of data, consistency of information and sensitivity analysis.</p> |  Agenda item 2. Final methodology.1 |
| 3. | <p>Presentation of the outcome (ranking) of the application of the methodology to the list of Union quarantine pests qualifying as potential priority pests</p> <p>JRC presented the preliminary the results from the application of the methodology to 17 potential priority pests as identified under the crop category and 6 other pests under the forestry category. The expert group was informed that the analysis is currently ongoing and results might be subject to further adjustments. JRC also informed that the final results of the 28 potential priority pests will be presented at the upcoming expert group meeting foreseen at the end of May 2019.</p> |  Agenda item 3. Presentation of the |
| 4. | <p>Explanation of the background data</p> <p>JRC provided an update on the background data, and how to display and navigate the JRC database as regards the construction of indicators. Details were given as regards the data, units and sources by host and by pest. In addition, the economic, social and environmental impact indicators were explained, including the final outputs per indicator.</p> |  Agenda item 4. JRC explanation of back |

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| <p>5.</p> | <p>Presentation by EFSA of the state of play of data support to JRC activities on priority pests (new point)</p> <p>EFSA presented the ongoing process of the expert knowledge elicitation (EKE), and informed that 28 datasheets, together with 28 EKE reports, one for each pest assessed, are currently being finalised and soon available online.</p> |  <p>Agenda item 5 - EFSA Presentation -</p> |
| <p>6.</p> | <p>Follow-up activities and conclusions</p> <p>The Commission informed that the next Expert Group meeting will take place at the end of May 2019, where the draft delegated act listing the Union Quarantine Pests qualifying as priority pests will be presented for exchange of views. The Expert Group was also informed that, based on the feedback received by the general public, during the on-line publication of the text in June, another Expert Group meeting might take place in July 2019, before the formal adoption of the Delegated Act by the Commission.</p> | |